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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are requested. Claims 1-8 and 14-16 are allowed. Claims 16 and 17 are amended. Claims 1-8 and 14-19 remain pending.

Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 17 has been amended in a manner suggested by the Examiner to indicate that one of the left or right drive shafts is arranged in front of the differential mechanism and connects with a wheel, and the other one of the left or right drive shafts is arranged to a rear of the differential mechanism and connects with a wheel.

Applicants note that a similar change has been made to claim 16.

The claims are definite and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

If the amendments are not acceptable to the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request a telephone call to the undersigned with a proposal for acceptable language in order to expedite prosecution.

In view of the above, early issuance of a notice of allowance is solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Curtis B. Hamre, Reg. No. 29,165 at (612) 455-3802.



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